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BAT MAN
THEY DON'T KNOW I'M REALLY ROBIN.!
IT'S BATMAN! AND THAT FELLOW WHO'S TAKEN ROBIN'S PLACE-- OWLMAN!
A STRANGE EXPERIMENT BRINGS ABOUT AN AMAZING CHANGE IN... "The GROWN-UP BOY WONDER!"

IS THERE ANYONE LONELIER THAN A LONELY YOUNGSTER? CERTAINLY DANNY WAS LONELY, UNTIL HE MET A FRIEND... A FRIEND MADE OF **STONE!** AND IT WAS THIS FRIEND, THIS IMAGE OF GRANITE, THAT PROPELLED DANNY INTO THE MOST EXCITING ADVENTURE OF HIS LIFE! YOU WILL SEE HOW, IN THE HEART-WARMING STORY OF...

THE BOY WHO ADOPTED BATMAN

BATMAN WITH **ROBIN** - THE BOY WONDER -

BATMAN

BATMAN'S IN DANGER! MAYBE I CAN HELP HIM... WITH MY **BAT-BICYCLE!**

BECAUSE HIS FATHER IS DEAD, AND HIS MOTHER WORKS ALL DAY, DANNY BENSON IS A LONELY BOY WHO'S ADOPTED ANOTHER "FATHER"...

HI, **BATMAN!** HERE I AM AGAIN!

BOB KANE

SURE, I KNOW YOU'RE ONLY A STATUE IN **GOTHAM PARK**--BUT STILL IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL! I HATE TO BOTHER MOM, 'CAUSE SHE'S SO TIRED WHEN SHE COMES HOME FROM WORK...

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ON THIS DAY, HOWEVER, DANNY DOES NOT SEE A PAIR OF MASKED, CAPED FIGURES PASSING NEARBY...

GOSH, **BATMAN**, I WISH I HAD A BIKE SO I COULD GET A DELIVERY JOB... AND MAKE SOME MONEY SO MOM WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORK SO HARD!

WELL, SO LONG, **BATMAN!** SEE YOU TOMORROW, AFTER SCHOOL, LIKE ALWAYS!

ROBIN, A WONDERFUL KID LIKE THAT DESERVES TO BE HELPED!

AND HOW! I'M GLAD WE TOOK THIS SHORTCUT TO WHERE WE PARKED OUR **BATMOBILE!**

LET'S TRAIL HIM TO HIS HOME!

GOOD IDEA... THAT WAY, WE'LL KNOW WHERE TO DELIVER HIS BIKE!

THAT NIGHT, BATMAN AND ROBIN WORK HARD AND LONG IN THE WORKSHOP OF THEIR SECRET **BAT-CAVE...**

WAIT TILL DANNY SEES **THIS** BIKE!

THERE'S NEVER BEEN ONE LIKE THIS BEFORE! IT'LL BE THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND!

NEXT MORNING, A GLEAMING GIFT RESTS BEFORE DANNY'S DOOR...

DANNY--A BICYCLE FOR YOU! BUT WHO COULD HAVE GIVEN YOU SUCH A PRESENT?

GOLLY, IT HAS **BAT-WINGS!** GULP! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, MOM?... IT'S FROM **BATMAN!**

SEE?... THE HEADLIGHT EVEN THROWS A TINY **BAT-SIGNAL!** THIS IS A REAL **BAT-BICYCLE!**

WELL, I NEVER...!

NEXT DAY, AS A PLEASED BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN STATION THEMSELVES BEHIND THE STATUE...

BATMAN, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU HEARD ME-- BUT THANKS...THANKS A LOT! AND YOU KNOW, WHILE I WAS DOING AN ERRAND FOR MOM, YESTERDAY, THE STRANGEST THING HAPPENED!

"TWO MEN WERE GOING INTO A LAUNDRY, WHEN I ACCIDENTALLY TOUCHED THE HEADLIGHT, AND..."

LAUNDRY

LOOK! THE BAT-SIGNAL!

"BOY, YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN THEM START RUNNING..."

HEY, MISTER, YOU FORGOT YOUR BOOK! GEE, WHAT FUNNY-LOOKING MARKS ON IT!

HUH? IT'S ONLY A KID WITH A TRICK BIKE HE FIXED UP! HE MUST BE A BATMAN FAN!

HAND LAUNDRY

THEN ONE MAN GRABBED THE BOOK AWAY FROM ME AND WENT INSIDE THE LAUNDRY! HE SURE ACTED FUNNY!

ROBIN, THIS SOUNDS IMPORTANT! THOSE MEN WOULDN'T BE AFRAID OF A BAT-SIGNAL UNLESS THEY WERE INVOLVED IN SOMETHING CRIMINAL!

BATMAN AND ROBIN! GOLLY, YOU WERE BEHIND THE STATUE ALL THE TIME! THAT'S HOW YOU KNEW! THANKS FOR THE SWELL BIKE, BATMAN!

YOU'RE WELCOME, DANNY! NOW, TELL ME EXACTLY WHERE YOU SAW THOSE MEN BEFORE...

INSTANTS LATER, AS THE SLEEK BATMOBILE SPEEDS OFF...

GEE, THOSE MEN MUST'VE BEEN CROOKS! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO SEE BATMAN AND ROBIN IN ACTION!

THE POWERFUL AUTO REACHES THE ADDRESS SWIFTLY--AND, AS THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS ENTER THE SHOP, THEY HEAR...

IT'S A GOOD THING I FINALLY TOLD THE BOSS ABOUT THAT KID! HE AIN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES THAT THE KID MIGHT'VE GONE TO THE POLICE!

DON'T WORRY... THE LAW COMES THEY WON'T FIND ANYTHING! THEY'LL NEVER KNOW OUR CUSTOMERS BOUGHT ANY STUFF HERE!

CORRECTION! THEY'RE GOING TO FIND OUT VERY SHORTLY!

BATMAN-- AND ROBIN!

I'LL... OW!

BETTER SURRENDER QUIETLY, OR YOU'LL END UP AS STIFF AS THIS BOARD!

I WONDER WHERE THIS THING LEADS TO?

SUDDENLY, IN A SURPRISE MOVE...

GREAT SCOTT! THEY JUMPED DOWN THAT CHUTE!

COME ON-- LET'S GO AFTER THEM!

LATER, AFTER A FUTILE SEARCH OF THE SHOP FOR CLUES...

WHY--THIS IS THE SPOT WHERE THE GOTHAM RIVER RUNS UNDER-GROUND!

THE THUGS HAD A SPEED-BOAT WAITING HERE--FOR FAST GETAWAYS! WE'LL NEVER CATCH UP TO THEM NOW!

IT'S OBVIOUS THIS LAUNDRY IS ONLY A "FRONT" FOR SOME ILLEGAL BUSINESS--BUT WHAT DID THEIR CUSTOMERS BUY HERE?

THERE'S ONE POSSIBLE WAY TO FIND OUT-- IF LITTLE DANNY HAS A GOOD MEMORY!

IT IS THEN, AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, THAT DANNY FINALLY ARRIVES...

DANNY—THOSE MARKS YOU SAW IN THE BOOK... CAN YOU REMEMBER WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE?

HUH? SURE—THOUGH I ONLY SAW THREE OF THEM! I'LL DRAW THEM FOR YOU... I'M A PRETTY GOOD ARTIST!

IN MOMENTS, THE YOUNGSTER PRODUCES A REPLICA OF THE PAGE...

HMM—I HAVE A FEELING I'VE SEEN THESE DESIGNS BEFORE... BUT I CAN'T RECALL WHERE!

THEY LOOK LIKE **BUTTONS** TO ME!

BUTTONS? COULD BE! **ROBIN,** REMEMBER THAT CON-MAN, SLIM MILLER? HE CLAIMS TO HAVE REFORMED—AND HE'S IN THE BUTTON-MAKING BUSINESS NOW!

SURE... HE'S GOT A FACTORY NEAR THE RIVER! LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT IT!

AS THE **BATMOBILE** STREAKS AWAY...

I GOT HERE TOO LATE TO SEE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** IN ACTION—BUT MAYBE IF I TAKE A SHORTCUT TO THE FACTORY, I CAN GET THERE IN TIME...

SOON AFTER, INSIDE THE BUTTON FACTORY...

WHAT'S UP, BOSS?... SOMEONE TAILIN' US?

SHH... HEAR THAT NOISE? MY RADIO GADGET CAN PICK UP THE SOUND OF ANY CAR MOTOR APPROACHING THE FACTORY! SOMEBODY'S COMING—AND I'LL BET IT'S THE **BATMOBILE!**

BUT AS THE ARMED TRIO LINES UP TO TRAP **BATMAN** AT THE DOOR...

HI, SLIM! I FIGURED A SMART FELLOW LIKE YOU WOULD HAVE A SMART AMBUSH READY!

HUH? HE'S OVER **THERE!**

I BELIEVE WE'VE MET BEFORE!

BATMAN AND **ROBIN** ARE RIGHT WHERE I WANT THEM! NOW...

AS SLIM THROWS THE SWITCH, AN OVERHEAD HOPPER EMPTIES ITS HEAVY LOAD OF BUTTONS, AND...

UHH...

AND WHILE THE DUO LIES STUNNED...

BATMAN MIGHT'VE TOLD THE COPS ABOUT US-- SO LET'S LOAD OUR STUFF INTO MY CAR AND GET OUT OF HERE!

DON'T WORRY, BOSS-- IF ANY PATROL CARS CLOSE IN, WE'LL HEAR THE MOTORS ON YOUR RADIO!

BUT THE RADIO CANNOT PICK UP THE SOUND OF A VEHICLE THAT HAS NO MOTOR... THE **BAT-BICYCLE!**

I SEE THE CROOKS--BUT NOT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**! I GUESS MY SHORTCUT GOT ME HERE BEFORE THEM!

ONE MORE LOAD AND WE CAN SCRAM!

GOLLY, THEY MAY BE GONE BEFORE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** GET HERE, AND... HMM... IT'S STARTING TO **DRIZZLE** THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA...

MINUTES AFTER THE GETAWAY CAR SPEEDS OFF, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS AND EMERGE...

BATMAN--LOOK WHO'S HERE! DANNY, DID YOU SEE THREE MEN DRIVE AWAY FROM HERE?

SURE, BUT WHILE THEY WERE INSIDE BEFORE, GETTING SOME VALISES, I TOOK A **BICYCLE PATCH**, CUT IT INTO A **BAT SHAPE**, AND STUCK IT ON THEIR CAR'S REAR TIRE!

I REMEMBERED HOW TIRES LEAVE TREAD MARKS IN DRIZZLY WEATHER, SO I FIGURED IT'D BE EASY FOR YOU TO TRAIL A **BAT-TREAD!**

DANNY, I'M PROUD OF YOU! COME ON, **ROBIN**--THEY COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN TOO FAR!

*SURE ENOUGH, AS THEY FOLLOW THE **BAT-TRAIL** TO ITS SOURCE...*

BOSS! IT'S THE **BATMOBILE**--COMIN' IN FAST!

MAYBE WE CAN STILL LOSE 'EM! CUT THROUGH THE PARK...

*BUT SLIM'S CAR TAKES THE TURN ON THE WET ROAD TOO FAST--AND, IRONICALLY, IS STOPPED BY **ANOTHER BATMAN!***

BATMAN

CRASH

AT THAT INSTANT, STILL EAGER TO WATCH HIS HERO IN ACTION, DANNY ARRIVES TO SEE...

A **GUN**--AIMED AT **BATMAN!**

*QUICKLY, THE LAD SWITCHES ON HIS **BAT-HEADLIGHT**, AND...*

WHAT...?? MY EYES!

*AND THEN, AT LONG LAST, DANNY FINALLY GETS TO SEE **BATMAN** IN ACTION...*

YAHOO! RIGHT ON THE BUTTON!

LATER, WITH THE CROOKS IN TOW, **BATMAN** OPENS THE SUITCASES OF THE PRISONERS, TO REVEAL...

TOKENS... JUST AS I SUSPECTED! A BUTTON FACTORY IS THE PERFECT SETUP FOR THE PUNCHING AND STAMPING OF **COUNTERFEIT TRANS-PORTATION TOKENS!**

THAT NOTEBOOK DANNY PICKED UP... IT HAD DESIGNS OF TOKENS OF CITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!

EXACTLY--AND IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR DANNY, WE'D HAVE NEVER CRACKED THIS RACKET! NICE WORK, SON!

NEXT DAY, AS DANNY'S MOTHER RECEIVES A VISIT FROM A MEMBER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT...

THIS CHECK--IS FOR DANNY?

YES, MRS. BENSON--IT'S A REWARD FOR DANNY'S HELP IN CAPTURING THE COUNTERFEIT TOKEN MOB! HE'S A FINE BOY... IF EVER I GOT MARRIED, I'D WANT A SON JUST LIKE HIM!

OH? YOU'RE NOT MARRIED?

NO! I NEVER WANTED TO... BEFORE! UH... MRS. BENSON, I--I WONDER IF YOU'D HAVE DINNER WITH ME TONIGHT?

OHO!

AND DAYS LATER, DANNY STOPS FOR THE LAST TIME BEFORE THE **BATMAN** STATUE...

MOM AND MR. RYAN ARE GETTING MARRIED SOON! I'LL HAVE A **REAL** FATHER TO TALK TO... SO I WON'T BE COMING AROUND ANY-MORE! BUT I WON'T EVER FORGET YOU, **BATMAN**...

SO LONG, DANNY... WE WON'T FORGET YOU EITHER!

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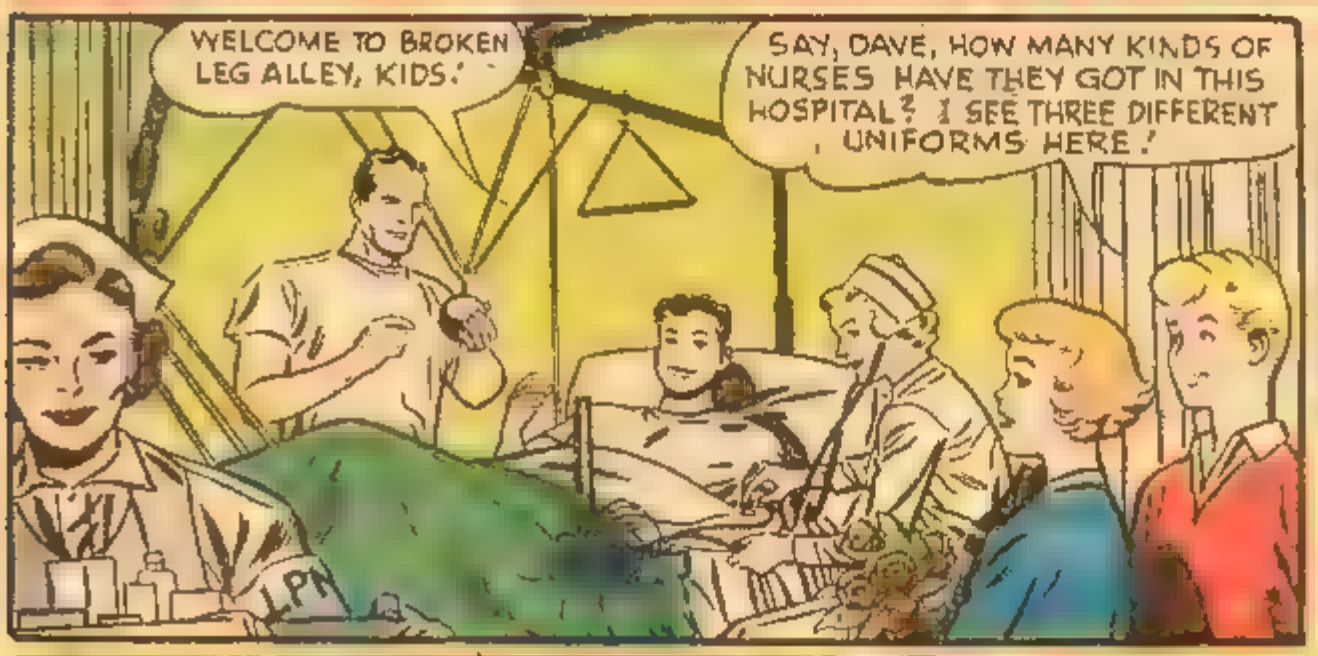
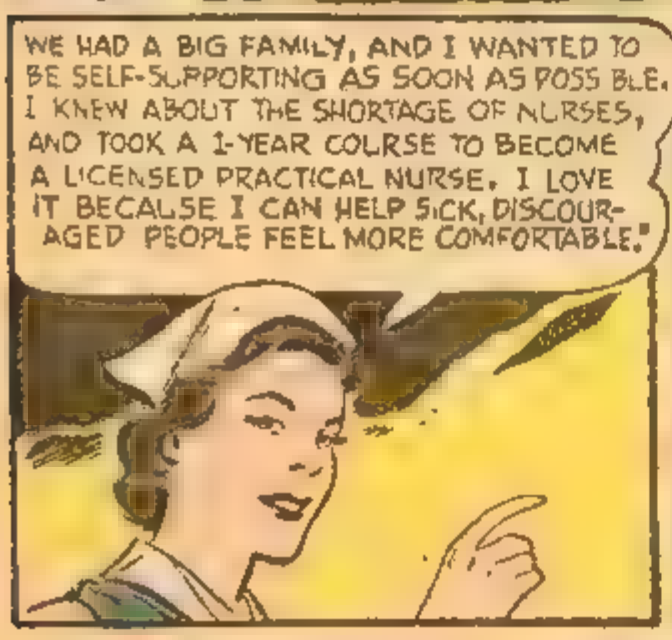
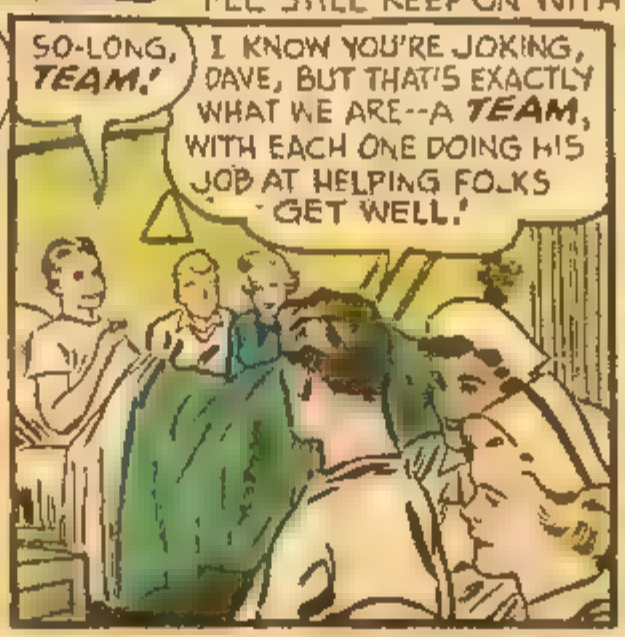

WELCOME TO BROKEN LEG ALLEY, KIDS.'
SAY, DAVE, HOW MANY KINDS OF NURSES HAVE THEY GOT IN THIS HOSPITAL? I SEE THREE DIFFERENT UNIFORMS HERE.'
LPN

"I WAS A MEDICAL CORPSMAN IN THE WAR. IT WAS PRETTY RUGGED, BUT I HELPED TO SAVE A LOT OF LIVES AND DECIDED IT WAS THE CAREER FOR ME. SO AFTER THE WAR, I TOOK A 3-YEAR COURSE AND BECAME A REGISTERED NURSE, SPECIALIZING IN CARE OF MEN."

"MY HIGH SCHOOL CLUB DID VOLUNTEER WORK AT OUR TOWN'S HOSPITAL. I LEARNED A LOT WATCHING THE STUDENT NURSES AND FOUND I LOVED TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE.

"AFTER A 4-YEAR COLLEGE NURSING COURSE, I BECAME A REGISTERED NURSE. I'M GETTING MARRIED NEXT YEAR, BUT I'LL STILL KEEP ON WITH MY CAREER."


WE HAD A BIG FAMILY, AND I WANTED TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I KNEW ABOUT THE SHORTAGE OF NURSES, AND TOOK A 1-YEAR COURSE TO BECOME A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE. I LOVE IT BECAUSE I CAN HELP SICK, DISCOURAGED PEOPLE FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE."


SO-LONG, TEAM.'
I KNOW YOU'RE JOKING, DAVE, BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE--A TEAM, WITH EACH ONE DOING HIS JOB AT HELPING FOLKS GET WELL.'

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BATMAN ROBIN

AS A CRIME-BUSTER, ROBIN HAS COME TO GRIPS WITH MANY A BADMAN! BUT WHEN THE JUNIOR LAWMAN BLUNDERS INTO HIMSELF IN THE ROMANTIC CLUTCHES OF CAT GLOOP, HE BECOMES HELPLESS, FOR HE'S LOST ANOTHER BOY A LOVE AND THAT SPELLS TROUBLE WITH A CAPITAL T! THEN

ROBIN FALLS IN LOVE

TAKE ONE MORE STEP AND I'LL FIRE, BATMAN!

WHAT CAN WE DO? IF WE TRY TO NAB HIM, HE'S SURE TO HIT VERA LOVELY!

BOB KANE

AT THE GOTHAM CITY ARENA, BATMAN AND ROBIN STAND WATCHING A REHEARSAL OF THE "ICE CAPERS" SHOW.

I THOUGHT WE SHOULD WATCH ONE OF THESE REHEARSALS, ROBIN, SINCE WE'LL BE APPEARING WITH THE SHOW AT THAT BENEFIT PERFORMANCE NEXT WEEK!

RIGHT, BATMAN! LOOK AT THAT VERA LOVELY SKATE! SHE'S ONLY 14--AND VERY PRETTY!

THAT MAN TURNED ON THE FAN AND IT'S BLOWING THE HOOP OUT OF POSITION! INSTEAD OF JUMPING THROUGH THE HOOP, VERA'S GOING TO CRASH RIGHT INTO THE FLAMES!

INSTANTLY, **ROBIN** HURLS ONE END OF HIS SILK ROPE INTO THE AIR, LASHING IT TO A STEEL GIRDER, AND THEY...

IT'S TOO LATE! I CAN'T STOP MYSELF!

IT'S **NEVER** TOO LATE.

OH, YOU'RE MARVELOUS. YOU SAVED MY LIFE!

JUST A REGULAR SERVICE OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, INCORPORATED! THINK NOTHING OF IT!

OH, BUT I MUST REWARD YOU-- AT LEAST WITH A KISS!

TO **ROBIN'S** EMBARRASSMENT, THE KISS WAS A VERY PUBLIC WITNESS!

HOLD THAT! GREAT--WHAT A STORY! "**ROBIN** SAVES ICE QUEEN FROM MELTING!" HA-HA-HA!

THAT WAS A WONDERFUL PICTURE! I'M VERA'S PRESS AGENT, PAUL GARLEY. HOW ABOUT A SHOT NOW FOR YOUR PAPER WITH **BATMAN?**

WELL, MY EDITOR REALLY SENT ME FOR PICTURES OF THE FIRST SKATES MISS LOVELY WORE!

THAT'S TOO BAD. THOSE LITTLE SKATES ARE DEPOSITED IN A BANK VAULT UNTIL THEY'RE AUCTIONED OFF AT NEXT WEEK'S CHARITY BENEFIT!

YEAH, TOO BAD! WELL, SEE YOU AROUND.

HMM?

LATER, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HEAD FOR HOME IN THEIR **BATMOBILE**...

GEE, I COULDN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF VERA LOVELY!

IF YOU HAD, **ROBIN**, YOU'D HAVE NOTICED THAT THE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER FORGOT TO REMOVE THE LENS CAP WHEN HE TOOK YOUR PICTURE!

BATMAN

HUH? NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER WOULD MAKE THAT MISTAKE! THAT MEANS THE PICTURE OF VERA AND ME WON'T BE IN TOMORROW'S PAPER!

IT MAY MEAN MORE THAN THAT! YOU'D BETTER GET YOUR MIND BACK ON YOUR WORK!

BUT IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW...

THIS HAS BEEN SO MUCH FUN, ROBIN. I'D LIKE YOU TO HAVE THESE TINY GOLD SKATES AS A GOOD LUCK CHARM!

GOSH, LISTEN TO THEM TINKLE! I'LL WEAR THEM ON MY UTILITY BELT!

TING-A-LING!

IMAGINE ME ON A ROLLER-SKATING DATE! SAY, THERE'S RODDY DALE, AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE FROM HOLLYWOOD!

HELLO, VERA! THEY TOLD ME YOU'D BE HERE! I BROUGT YOU A LITTLE GIFT. JUST A FEW FLOWERS!

Restaurant

OH, RODDY!

JUST A "LITTLE" GIFT, EH? IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE COMPETITION!

Restaurant

THE NEXT DAY, AS ROBIN AND BATMAN PATROL THE STREETS AGAINST CRIME --

CAN'T WE CUT TODAY'S PATROL SHORT? I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT MATTER TO --

CALLING CAR 19 -- ARMED ROBBERY -- HARDY TEXTILE COMPANY!

THAT'S JUST A BLOCK AWAY! LET'S LEND A HAND, ROBIN!

AS THE DARING DUO ARRIVES AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME --

A DAYLIGHT ROBBERY! THOSE THUGS ARE DESPERATE, ROBIN! WATCH YOUR STEP!

OKAY, BATMAN! BUT LET'S MAKE IT QUICK. I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT MATTER TO TAKE CARE OF!

HARDY TEXTILE CO.

THE TWO LAWMEN ARRIVE NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON AS...

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY, BATMAN!

SUCH BAD MANNERS, WALKING OUT ON THEIR COMPANY! LET'S SHOW THEM HOW WE ROLL OUT THE CARPET FOR OUR GUESTS!

STRIKE! HE'D MAKE A GOOD BOWLING TEAM!

THE ONE W TH THE PAYROLL IS GETTING AWAY! AFTER HIM, BATMAN!

THE FACTORY GROUNDS ARE SEARCHED K TH- OUT SUCCESS. AND THEN--

I GUESS HE GOT AWAY, BATMAN! LET THE POLICE TAKE OVER NOW SO I CAN GET GOING,--!

NOT SO FAST! THERE'S ONE PLACE LEFT WHERE HE MIGHT BE HIDING!

JUST LIKE MAGIC! PRESTO-- CROOKO!

NOW THAT THIS CASE IS FINISHED, I CAN GET STARTED ON THAT MISSION OF MINE!

AND SOME T ME LATER...

LOOK, PAUL! ROBIN'S MADE ME A VALENTINE IN THE SKY WITH THE BATPLANE! WON'T THAT MAKE RODDY FURIOUS?

YEAH, AND IT'S GONNA MAKE THE BOSS BACK AT MIRACLE PICTURES PRETTY SORE, TOO!

EXCUSE ME. I JUST REMEMBERED A PHONE CALL I HAD TO MAKE...

VERA LOVELY

SURE, BOSS, I WANT TH S PUBLICITY ROMANCE BETWEEN VERA AND RODDY JUST AS MUCH AS YOU PEOPLE AT MIRACLE PICTURES DO. DON'T WORRY, I'LL BREAK UP THIS THING BETWEEN ROBIN AND VERA!

AND SO NEXT DAY, WHEN ROBIN COMES CALL NG FOR VERA--

SORRY, ROBIN! VERA LEFT FOR THE DAY W TH RODDY DALE!

BUT-- BUT WE HAD A DATE! SHE MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN IT!

WHEN GARVEY COMPLETES HIS SCHEMS...

ROBIN JUST PHONED TO SAY HE'S TOO BUSY TO KEEP HIS DATE WITH YOU! BUT RODDY DALE IS COMING OVER!

I GUESS ROBIN HAD TO WORK W TH BATMAN! BUT HE COULD HAVE CALLED ME H MSELF... SURE, I'LL GO OUT WITH RODDY!

LATER, IN THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD DICK GRAYSON SECRETLY BATMAN AND ROBIN ..

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, DICK? YOU'VE BEEN DOWN IN THE DUMPS ALL DAY!

IT'S NOTHING, BRUCE. I THINK MAYBE I'LL TAKE A WALK. THE AIR MIGHT HELP.

BUT DICK'S WALK TAKES HIM STRAIGHT TO THE GOTHAM ARENA..

I CAN'T BLAME VERA (SIGH!) THE "QUEEN OF THE ICE" DESERVES A HOLLYWOOD PRINCE LIKE RODDY DALE. BUT STILL SHE SHOULD HAVE BROKEN THE DATE HERSELF!

ICE CAPERS

VERA LOVELY

OH, MISS LOVELY, MAY WE HAVE YOUR ALTOGRAPH?

OF COURSE! YOU'RE ALL SO WONDER FUL TO ME!

THAT'S HER WORLD-- BIG CROWDS--BRIGHT LIGHTS! AND I'M JUST NOT A PART OF IT, I GUESS!

THE FOLLOWING DAY ..

WHAT'S THE USE OF PHONING HER? GARVEY WOULD ONLY TELL ME SHE'S NOT IN, LIKE HE DID THE LAST TWO TIMES!

WHY SHOULD I CALL HIM? HE WAS THE ONE WHO BROKE THE DATE AND HE HASN'T CALLED ONCE SINCE!

BUT THE CRIMINAL WORLD MOVES ON, AND SO MUST THE WAR AGAINST CRIME!

FSST! BE AS QUIET AS YOU CAN, ROBIN! WE CAN GRAB THESE THREE UNAWARES!

RIGHT, BATMAN!

THAT TINKLING SOUND! WHAT--? IT'S BATMAN!

TOO LATE TO SURPRISE THEM, ROBIN! SO LET'S SHOW THESE BOYS TO THE DOOR!

MUSCLES LIKE COILED SPRINGS PROPEL **BATMAN** THROUGH SPACE AS **ROBIN** GRASPS THE PLAN INSTANTLY...

ONE-- TWO--

THREE!

UGH

SHORTLY AFTER, AS POLICE LEAD THE DAZED THIEVES AWAY--

THAT GOOD LUCK CHARM VERA GAVE YOU WAS ALMOST **UN**LUCKY FOR US!

DON'T BLAME THE CHARM! IF I'D HAD MY MIND ON MY WORK, I'D HAVE REMEMBERED THE TINKLING SOUND THEY MAKE!

THE NEXT NIGHT, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** REPORT FOR THE BENEFIT PERFORMANCE--

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU WANTED US TO SHOW UP SO EARLY, **ROBIN!** WE'RE NOT DUE TO MAKE OUR APPEARANCE FOR ANOTHER HOUR!

I KNOW-- I--ER-- JUST WANTED TO SEE VERA --I MEAN, THE SHOW, **BATMAN!**

BATMAN! THERE'S THAT PHOTOGRAPHER YOU WERE WONDERING ABOUT LAST WEEK!

YOU'RE RIGHT! I'M GOING OVER TO THE PRESS SECTION AND CHECK UP ON HIM RIGHT NOW!

NO, I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE, **BATMAN!** HE DOESN'T WORK FOR ANY LOCAL PAPER!

THAT'S WHAT I SUSPECTED! AND I'M BEGINNING TO THINK I **HAVE** SEEN HIS FACE BEFORE! AMONG SOME WIRE-PHOTOS THAT CAME IN FROM THE M.D.CITY POLICE YESTERDAY! MAY I USE YOUR PHONE?

PRESS

... BATMAN, YOU'VE JUST DESCRIBED BEN KEEFE, WANTED HERE ON SUSPICION OF LAST WEEK'S $50,000 JEWEL THEFT! WE TAILED HIM TO THE ICE SHOW, BUT HE GOT AWAY!

THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW, CHIEF!

QUICKLY, BATMAN FILLS IN ROBIN ON THE DETAILS.

OBVIOUSLY, KEEFE, BEING JUST ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE POLICE, HAD TO HIDE THE GEMS SOMEWHERE SO HE STUCK THEM INTO VERA'S BABY SKATES. THEN WHEN THE SHOW MOVED ON TO GOTHAM CITY, HE HAD TO FOLLOW!

BUT, BATMAN, THE SKATES WERE JUST AUCTIONED OFF!

AND THERE GOES THE MAN WHO BOUGHT THEM!

YES, AND LOOK, THAT SKATER! IT'S KEEFE IN DISGUISE! HE'S A BETTER SKATER THAN HE WAS A PHOTOGRAPHER!

OKAY, BUDDY, YOU'RE TOO BIG FOR THOSE SKATES!

WHAT--? THAT MAN, HE STOLE THE SKATES!

LIGHTNING THOUGHT AND ACTION ENABLE BATMAN TO PURSUE THE THIEF!

GET READY TO HOIST SAILS, ROBIN! WITH A GOOD WIND, WE CAN STILL CATCH HIM!

RIGHT, BATMAN! A LITTLE ICE SAILING MIGHT BE FUN!

OKAY, KEEFE, YOUR NUMBER'S UP!

SAYS YOU, BATMAN!

YOU TWO THINK YOU'RE HOT STUFF -- AND NOW YOU WILL BE -- HA-HA!

NO TIME TO STOP NOW, ***ROBIN!*** WE'LL HAVE TO JUMP FOR IT!

ALLEZ --

OOP!

THE DELAYING ACTION GIVES KEEFE A CHANCE TO CONTINUE HIS ESCAPE. AND THEN --

IT'S TOO LATE TO CATCH HIM NOW!

YES, BUT MAYBE I CAN GET HIM WITH THAT SANDBAG ABOVE! HERE GOES!

WITH A POWERFUL TUG ON THE SILK CORD, **ROBIN** BRINGS THE SAND COUNTERBALANCE CRASHING DOWN!

GOOD BOY, **ROBIN!** KEEFE JUST LEARNED THAT SAND AND ICE DON'T MIX!

LATER, **ROBIN** AND VERA PATCH UP THEIR MISUNDERSTANDING --

-- AND I THOUGHT **YOU** BROKE THE DATE, **ROBIN!**

AND I THOUGHT **YOU** DID! WE WERE BOTH PRETTY FOOLISH!

NO, I WAS THE FOOL! I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT VERA'S ROMANCE WITH **ROBIN** WAS MUCH BIGGER NEWS THAN THE ONE WITH RODDY DALE!

AND, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** RETURN FROM THEIR BUSY NIGHT'S WORK --

WELL, YOU MADE A COUPLE OF SLIPS, **ROBIN,** BUT IF YOUR ROMANCE WITH VERA HADN'T BROUGHT US TO THE SHOW EARLY, WE'D NEVER HAVE CAPTURED KEEFE!

I DIDN'T THINK OF IT LIKE THAT, **BATMAN!** BUT ANYWAY, FROM NOW ON, I'M KEEPING MY MIND ON CRIMINALS, NOT **GIRLS!**

THE END

FOILING THE GETAWAYS

Thanks to a Remarkable New System, Runaway Thieves Now Hardly Have a Chance to Escape

THE holdup men operated with split-second efficiency. Picking the noonday rush hour to make their move, no one noticed the gun poked into the ribs of the restaurant cashier, and no one noticed the thief as he raced from the shop to join two buddies waiting in a car at the curb.

But, almost at once, the holdup men suspected that something was wrong. They had planned to outwit pursuing squad cars by pretending to head for the city line. Instead, they drove about a mile to the outskirts of town on the east side; then, making a U-turn, they headed straight back toward the center of town.

Their plan was simple but wily. With the police chasing them in the direction they had gone, they figured to double-track and get out of town via a west-bound highway.

The whole trouble was, regardless of which road they took, squad cars kept mysteriously materializing

"The police must have X-ray eyes that can look right through buildings!" muttered one of the holdup men, as their car shot up a side street as still another squad car loomed up ahead.

Less than 20 minutes after the actual holdup, the getaway car screeched to a stop as a big police cruiser suddenly blocked a roadway leading to an intersection. At the same time, five patrol cars converged on the intersection, each spilling policemen.

The holdup men gasped. One of them, throwing up his hands, said, "I—I never saw so many of you get to one place so fast in all my life!"

He was right. And it's all due to a remarkable new system for foiling getaways that started a few years back in a midwestern city and has since spread throughout the country

In this case, the holdup men hardly had a chance. In the rush hour, no one had noticed the holdup man except one person—the cashier being held up. Like all the cashiers in town, he had been carefully instructed on what to do in case of an armed robbery. "Simply hand over the money without protest—but get a good look at the holdup man; and be able to describe him by phone to the police the instant he leaves."

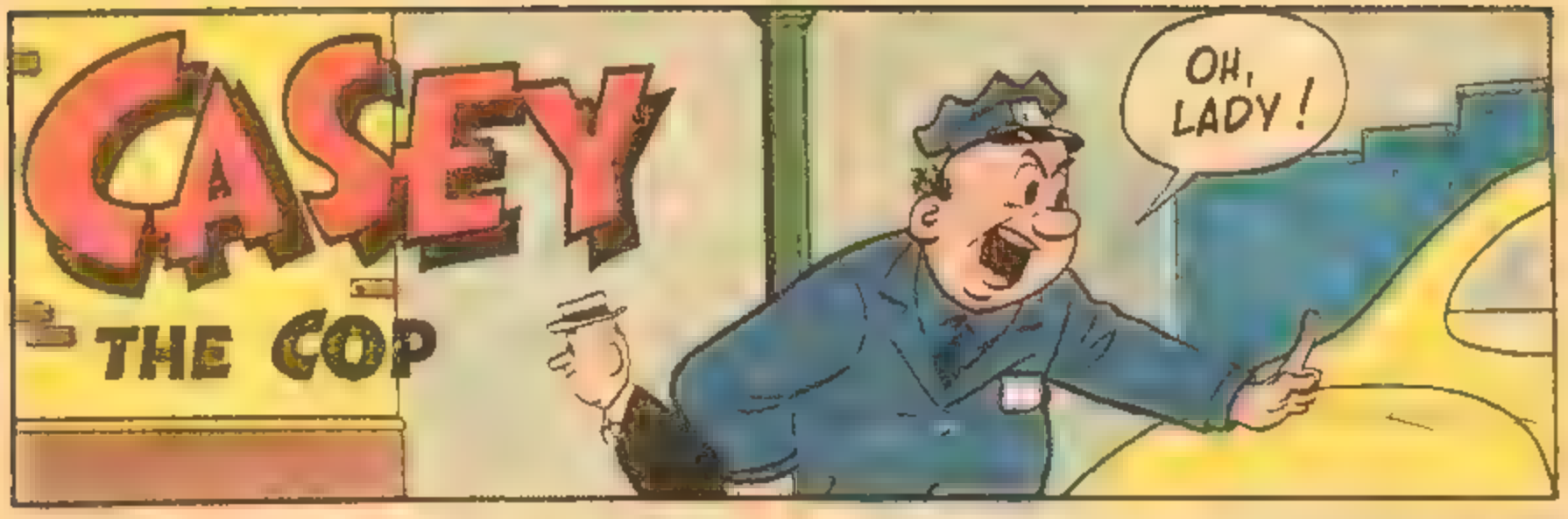
This the cashier had done. Seconds later, a squealing beep sounded in the loudspeakers of all police cars, followed by an urgent message: "Attention all cars. Holdup Alarm B is now in effect!" A description followed, as police cars raced to specific assigned positions and waited.

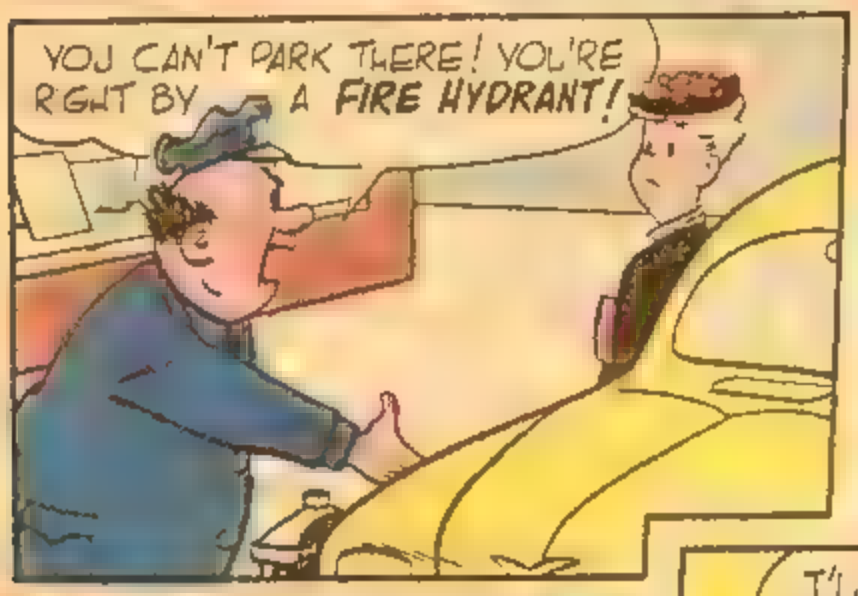
How were the police cars next able to follow exactly the course of the holdup car as it back-tracked and raced down one side street after another? That is where the police master plan went into effect. For after alerting the police cars, the police dispatcher flipped another switch which connected him to the taxicab dispatchers operating every taxicab fleet in the city.

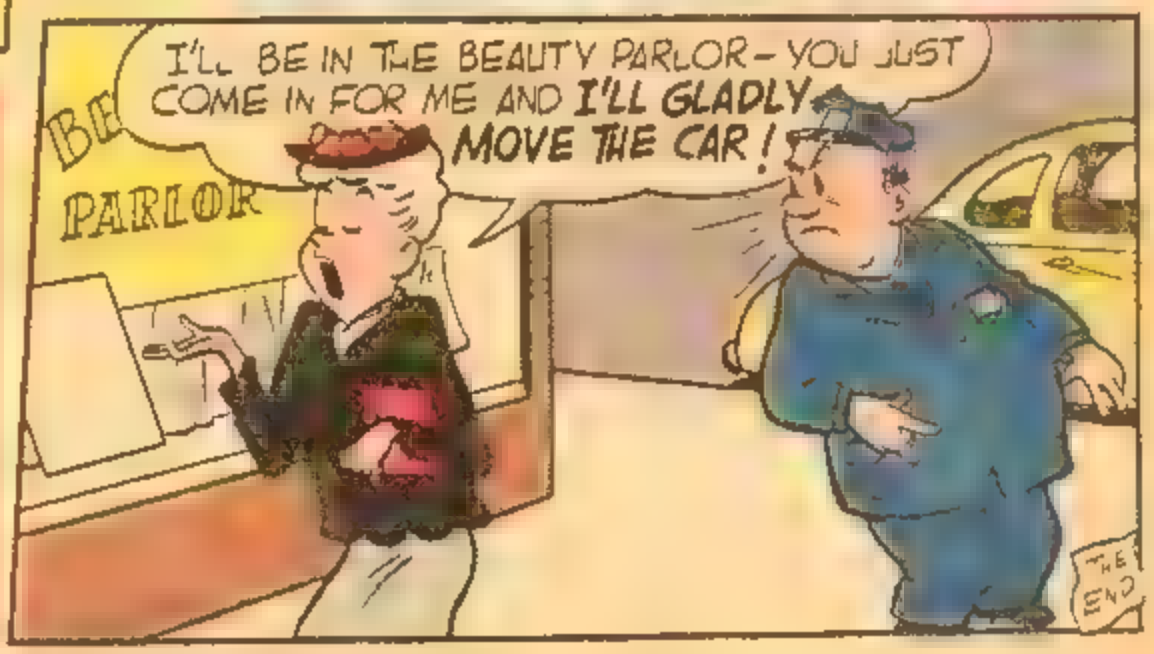
Thus, 200 cabbies, every one equipped with two-way radios, became a police-observer corps, reporting on every twist and turn of the get-away car.

As one of the cabbies smilingly remarked after the arrest, "They never had a chance!"

CASEY THE COP







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BATMAN
ROBIN

WHAT'S THIS? HAS THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ACTUALLY SPLIT UP? HAS **BATMAN** ALLIED HIMSELF WITH A NEW PARTNER? IS THE **BOY WONDER** THROUGH? EACH QUESTION HAS **TWO** ANSWERS -- **YES** AND **NO!** YOU'LL SOON LEARN HOW THIS PARADOX IS POSSIBLE WHEN YOU READ THE ASTONISHING STORY OF...

THE GROWN-UP BOY WONDER

DON'T WORRY, **BATMAN**-- **OWLMAN** WILL SAVE YOU!

LOOK! **BATMAN'S** GOT A NEW PARTNER!

YEAH-- HE'S GOT A **MAN** TO TAKE **ROBIN'S** PLACE!

BOB KANE

ONE NIGHT, IN THE SUBSURFACE **BATCAVE**, BRUCE WAYNE AND YOUNG DICK GRAYSON, WHO ARE ACTUALLY **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, EXAMINE A QUEER OBJECT...

THERE IT IS, DICK--THE THING **SUPERMAN** FOUND FLOATING IN OUTER SPACE! IT'S LEAD-LINED SO **SUPERMAN** COULDN'T USE HIS X-RAY VISION ON IT!

AND HE LEFT IT WITH US UNTIL HE GOT BACK FROM HIS CURRENT MISSION. I WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE?

AS DICK WRONGLY TOUCHES THE OUTER SURFACE...

BRUCE! IT'S GIVING OFF A GAS! **LOOK OUT...**

GREAT SCOTT! YOU MUST HAVE TOUCHED A SECRET RELEASE-- AND THE GAS HAS KNOCKED YOU OUT!

IT IS MORNING BEFORE THE YOUNGSTER SWIMS BACK TO CONSCIOUSNESS...

UH... FEEL SO FUNNY...

GREAT SCOTT! DICK-- LOOK AT YOURSELF-- IN THE MIRROR!

THE MIRROR REFLECTS A FANTASTIC, UNBELIEVABLE IMAGE!

GOLLY! DURING THE NIGHT I'VE GROWN-- GROWN AS BIG AS A **MAN!**

THAT STRANGE GAS--IT CAUSES SUDDEN GROWTH TO ANYONE WHO BREATHS IT! GOLLY, BRUCE--HOW LONG WILL I STAY LIKE THIS?

I--I DON'T KNOW! THE EFFECT COULD BE **PERMANENT!** WHEN **SUPERMAN** RETURNS IN A FEW DAYS, MAYBE HE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THIS!

THAT NIGHT, BRUCE'S WORDS PROVE PROPHETIC AS HE SEES...

THE **BAT-SIGNAL!**

I'D BETTER GET MY **ROBIN** GARB ON FAST!

IT WON'T FIT! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

STAY HOME! DON'T YOU REALIZE IF PEOPLE SEE A SUDDENLY GROWNUP DICK GRAYSON AND A GROWNUP **ROBIN** THEY'LL CONNECT THE TWO IDENTITIES? AND SINCE YOU'RE MY WARD, PEOPLE WILL REALIZE BRUCE WAYNE IS **BATMAN!**

I'VE GOT AN IDEA! SINCE I'M A MAN NOW, WHY CAN'T THERE BE TWO OF US--**TWO BATMEN?**

NO, DICK! YOU MAY LOOK LIKE A MAN, BUT YOU'LL THINK LIKE A BOY, ACT LIKE A BOY! YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF "GROWING" TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE **REALLY** A MAN!

BUT WHEN **BATMAN** LEAVES, DICK REACTS LIKE AN IMPULSIVE YOUNGSTER...

I'LL SHOW HIM I'M A REAL MAN! THIS OWL COSTUME BRUCE WAS GOING TO WEAR TO THE MASQUERADE BALL NEXT WEEK-- IT'S JUST WHAT I NEED!

AS **BATMAN** HEEDS THE POLICE ALARM, HE IS UNAWARE THAT THE **BATMOBILE** CARRIES A STOWAWAY!

CALLING **BATMAN!** BANDITS SEEN ATOP THE MARTIER JEWELRY BUILDING! INVESTIGATE!

SOON AFTER, **BATMAN** INTERCEPTS A RED-GARBED TRIO ..

WE'VE GOT THE DIAMONDS -- HUH? -- **BATMAN!**

THE DAREDEVILS AGAIN -- THE THREE CIRCUS ACROBATS WHO TURNED BANDITS!

IT'S THREE AGAINST ONE -- UNTIL ANOTHER CAPED FIGURE JOINS THE UNEVEN BATTLE.

OKAY, **BATMAN** -- NOW LET'S SHOW THEM HOW THE TEAM OF **BATMAN** AND **OWLMAN** CAN WORK ON CROOKS!

LOOK! **BATMAN'S** GOT A NEW PARTNER!

BATMAN'S GOT A **MAN** TO TAKE **ROBIN'S** PLACE!

DICK -- WEARING MY MASQUERADE COSTUME! THAT FOOLISH KID DISOBEYED MY ORDERS! I'D TAN HIS HIDE - IF HE WASN'T SO BIG NOW!

WITHOUT WARNING, A BANDIT SLAMS A GLASS CAPSULE BEFORE THE CRIME-FIGHTERS...

WHAT ? (COUGH)... CAN'T SEE! (COUGH)

TEAR GAS!

WHILE THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE MOMENTARILY BLINDED, ONE ACRO-BANDIT DIVES AT A JUTTING STEEL BAR THAT ONCE HELD AN ADVERTISING SIGN .

HOOKING HIS LEGS AROUND IT, HE WAITS AS THE SECOND **DAREDEVIL** LEAPS FOR HIS GRASPING HANDS...

ALLEY OOP!

THEN HE SWINGS THE SECOND **DAREDEVIL** TOWARDS A FIRE-ESCAPE RUNG ON THE NEXT BUILDING...

THE TRAPEZING IS REPEATED BY THE THIRD BANDIT...

FINALLY, THE FIRST **DAREDEVIL** LEAPS TOWARD HIS DANGLING COMPANION WHO SWINGS OUT TO MEET HIM.

THEY'LL GET AWAY OVER THAT ROOFTOP.. UNLESS I CAN CUT THEM OFF!

THEN BATMAN'S EYES CLEAR AND WIDEN IN HORROR

NO-- **STOP!**

I CAN GRAB THAT FLAGPOLE... GET INSIDE THE BUILDING THROUGH THE WINDOW... AND GO UP-STAIRS TO THE ROOF!

BUT THE IMPETUOUS YOUNGSTER DOESN'T REALIZE THAT THE FLAGPOLE WHICH CAN HOLD A BOY, WON'T HOLD A MAN!

OH... I FORGOT! I'M TOO HEAVY FOR IT NOW!

CRACK

BUT ALERT **BATMAN** HAS ALREADY ACTED, AND SNATCHES THE RASH YOUNGSTER FROM IMPENDING DOOM!

STILL ACTING LIKE A KID-- STILL RUSHING AHEAD WITHOUT THINKING!

AND SO THE **DAREDEVIL** BANDITS ESCAPE, BUT THE CRIME-FIGHTERS CANNOT ESCAPE FROM NEXT DAY'S HEADLINES!

TODAY ALL THE WORLD ASKS-- WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO **ROBIN?** IS THE **BOY WONDER** FINISHED?

EXTRA

WORLD

IT'S BATMAN AND OWLMAN NOW!

DAILY TIMES

BATMAN DU... THE BOY...

BATMAN TEAMS UP WITH NEW PARTNER

AND IN THE DARK HAUNTS OF CRIMINALS .

THINGS WEREN'T TOUGH ENOUGH WHEN WE HADDA WORRY ABOUT **BATMAN** AND A KID...

YEAH-- NOW WE GOT TWO **MEN** TO WORRY ABOUT!

ROBIN'S ABSENCE BRINGS PROBLEMS, AND DICK GRAYSON'S ABSENCE BRINGS-- THE TRUANT OFFICER!

I'M CHECKING ON WHY DICK WAS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL! IS HE SICK?

IN A WAY! HE-- HE HASN'T BEEN HIMSELF LATELY! HE'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL SOON-- I HOPE!

FOR THE FIRST TIME DICK SADLY FEELS THE SUDDEN LOSS OF HIS YOUTH...

ALL MY SCHOOL CHUMS ARE OVER THERE-- AND I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PAL AROUND WITH THEM AGAIN!

BUT DICK'S NEW, ADULT PHYSIQUE ALSO GIVES HIM OVER-CONFIDENCE...

WHAT MUSCLES! I'M AS BIG AS **BATMAN** NOW! AND I'LL BET I CAN BE AS BIG A CRIME-BUSTER, TOO! I'LL SHOW **BATMAN** I'M AS GOOD AS HE IS!

IF I WERE **BATMAN**, HOW WOULD I GO ABOUT TRACKING DOWN THE **DAREDEVILS!?**

THAT NIGHT ONCE AGAIN CLAD AS **OWLMAN**, THE IMPULSIVE BOY SCALES A CRIMINAL HANGOUT..

THE **DAREDEVILS!** JUST AS I FIGURED--ONLY FRANKIE THE FENCE IS BIG ENOUGH TO BUY AND CUT UP THE DIAMONDS THEY STOLE!

ONCE AGAIN HE ACTS RASHLY..

I'LL SHOW **BATMAN!** I'LL HANDLE THEM ALL BY MYSELF!

OWLMAN!

BUT FORGETTING HOW TALL HE IS NOW, HE DOESN'T DUCK UNDER A LOW BEAM AS HE CHARGES FORWARD, AND..

UH!

WHAT A BREAK! HE KNOCKED HIMSELF OUT!

THIS GUY WHO'S TAKING **ROBIN'S** PLACE-- IF WE CAN IDENTIFY **HIM**, WE CAN TRACK DOWN **BATMAN'S** IDENTITY THROUGH HIS!

AN EAGER HAND REACHES FOR **OWLMAN'S** COWL AND THE GROWN-UP **BOY WONDER** IS **UNMASKED!**

WHAT? I NEVER SAW THAT MAN'S FACE BEFORE!

I DON'T RECOGNIZE IT EITHER. LET'S TAKE THE GUY TO OUR HIDEOUT! MAYBE WE CAN MAKE HIM **TALK!**

LATER...

I DO IT AGAIN! AND THIS TIME **BATMAN** ISN'T AROUND TO RESCUE ME! IF ONLY HE'D GONE TO FRANKIE THE FENCE TOO!

BUT I DO--JUST AS THEY WERE DRIVING AWAY WITH YOU!

BATMAN! (GULP) YOU WERE RIGHT-- I'VE STILL GOT A LOT OF GROWING TO DO BEFORE I CAN BE A REAL MAN!

WELL, AS LONG AS YOU CAN ADMIT THAT, THEN YOU'RE NOT A KID ANY LONGER!

MINUTES LATER, THE TEAM OF **BATMAN** AND **OWLMAN** RENEW THEIR ATTACK ON CRIMEDOM!

C'MON, PARTNER-- LET'S SHOW THEM HOW A COUPLE OF **MEN** CAN FIGHT!

AS ONE ACRO-BANDIT TRIES TO ESCAPE, THE GROWN-UP **BOY WONDER** LEAPS FORWARD...

...AND DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN ACROBATIC SKILL BORN OF A BOYHOOD IN THE CIRCUS!

ALLEY OOP!

AS FOR **BATMAN**...

ONE BREAKING TO THE RIGHT--THE OTHER TO THE LEFT! HOW CAN I BRING THEM BOTH DOWN WITH ONE MOVE?

HURLING HIMSELF UPON A DESK CHAIR, HE RIDES ITS SPINNING WHEELS...

I'M ALMOST CLOSE ENOUGH! NOW!

ONE MIGHTY KICK SENDS THE CHAIR CAREENING TO THE LEFT--AS THE **ACROBATMAN** PROPELS HIMSELF TO THE RIGHT!

DOUBLE PLAY COMPLETED!

LATER, UPON DELIVERING THEIR PRISONERS TO JAIL...

UHH-- SUDDENLY FEEL WEAK-- GOING TO PASS OUT...

DICK!

POLK

HOURS LATER, DICK GRAYSON REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...

BATMAN! MY **OWLMAN** COSTUME-- IT'S SWIMMING ON ME!

YES! THE EFFECT OF THAT MATURING GAS MUST HAVE BEEN ONLY TEMPORARY! YOU'RE A BOY AGAIN!

IN PRISON, NEXT MORNING...

WE'LL GET EVEN WITH **BATMAN!** WE'LL EXPOSE HIS IDENTITY NOW THAT WE KNOW WHAT HIS PARTNER LOOKS LIKE!

SURE! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS IDENTIFY THE FACE OF THE MAN WE SAW UNDER THE **OWLMAN** MASK!

BUT, THEY ARE UNAWARE THAT "MAN" EXISTS NO LONGER, FOR...

GEE, IT'S GOOD TO BE A KID AGAIN! **HEY, FELLAS-- WAIT FOR ME!**

THE END

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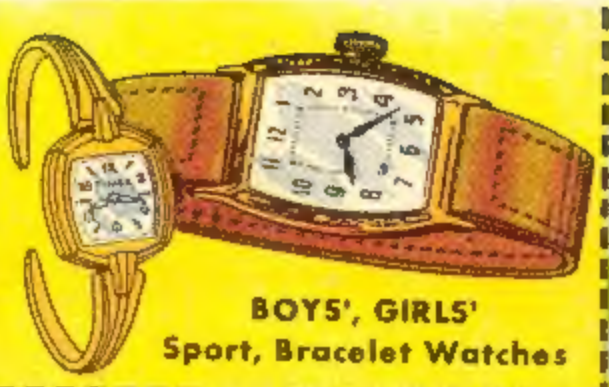

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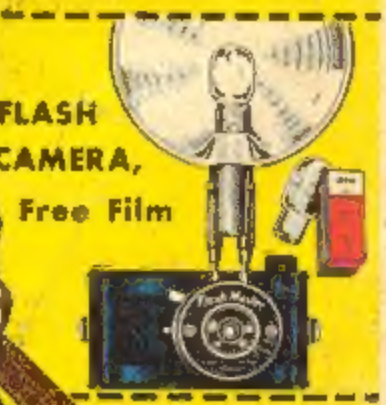

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